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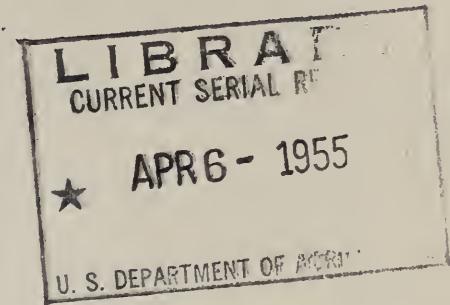
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ADE BRANCH MEMORANDUM NO. 508.3

TO : Ade Field Activities Stations

FROM : A. K. Kuttler, Chief, Brucellosis  
Eradication Section, ADE

SUBJECT: Improving marketing conditions and facilitating the movement  
of officially vaccinated animals through stockyards,  
auction, and sales markets, etc.



I PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to suggest a method of improving marketing conditions in a manner which will improve the possibilities for success in the accelerated brucellosis program and which will facilitate the movement of officially vaccinated animals through stockyards, auction, and sales markets, etc.

II GENERAL

Improved marketing conditions are a must for the success of any animal disease eradication project. One point that has come to our attention frequently since the accelerated brucellosis eradication project was begun is the movement of officially vaccinated animals through stockyards, auction and sales markets, etc.

III SUGGESTED ACTION

It is realized that since these animals are shipped on a certificate, it is extremely difficult to follow them as they change hands while in a stockyard. Kansas and Missouri have come up with what we consider a very good solution to the problem. They are having a colored tag made to be placed in the ears of vaccinated animals. The color of the tag will make it easier to identify the officially vaccinated animal from a distance. The tags are being issued under the strict control of the State Veterinarian. The numbers of the tags and the individuals to whom they are issued are recorded in the State office. Additional tags are not sent to a veterinarian until the State office receives certificates back for the ones previously issued. If the tags are lost, the animals can be checked quickly for tattoo identification.

This means of marketing officially vaccinated animals should prove highly beneficial in expediting the movements of cattle through markets. It is granted that a certain number of the animals will lose their tags. However, this plan should be very satisfactory for the majority of officially vaccinated animals. This information is being forwarded to you in hopes that a similar plan can be adopted in all of the States.

IV CONCLUSION

We must realize that if we can facilitate the movements of cattle through their markets, we shall tend to receive far greater cooperation from all those involved in the marketing of livestock.

G. J. Miller